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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 April 1957

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- March 1957

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ADMINISTRATION

1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 31 March was []

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2. On 8 March, Chief, Deputy Chief, and Branch Chiefs of [] briefed on FDD operations by Chief and Deputy Chief, FDD, and were conducted on a tour of the Division.

3. Messrs. F. Robert Berg, Richard Calhoun, and Robert D. Collins of IAD, State Department, were briefed on the exploitation work of FDD on 6 March.

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4. Arrangements were made for [] to leave on three months' TDY []

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7. On 25 March, Chief, FDD, briefed [] Chief, OIS/DD/P, on FDD operations.

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9. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Intelligence Orientation Course on 6 March.

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10. On 20 March, [] Documents Division, OCR, visited FDD to discuss current FDD reading requirements and to determine which intelligence reports FDD is to receive henceforth.

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11. [] an ex-FDD employee, transferred back to the Division from SR/DD/P on 25 March.

12. A safety survey of the Division was conducted by the CIA Safety Officer and a GSA representative on 14 March.

13. One person completed Intensive Russian Reading Class VII on 21 March.

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[] began teaching a Japanese language course for OTR on 11 March.

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On 20 March, [] attended a meeting of training officers called to discuss the Language Development Program.

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[] named FDD representative to the weekly seminars on machine translation at the []

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14. [] gave a lecture on Chinese railroads to FDD personnel on 11 March.

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15. [] spoke on "Understanding the Japanese" in the OTR lecture series on 6 March.

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1. On 12 March, [] RQM/OIS, visited FDD to discuss the proposal that, in the interest of speedier service, requirements of DD/P analysts be received directly from the originating requesters, thus eliminating double handling by RQM/OIS. []

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 53 cases of duplication totaling 696 pages.

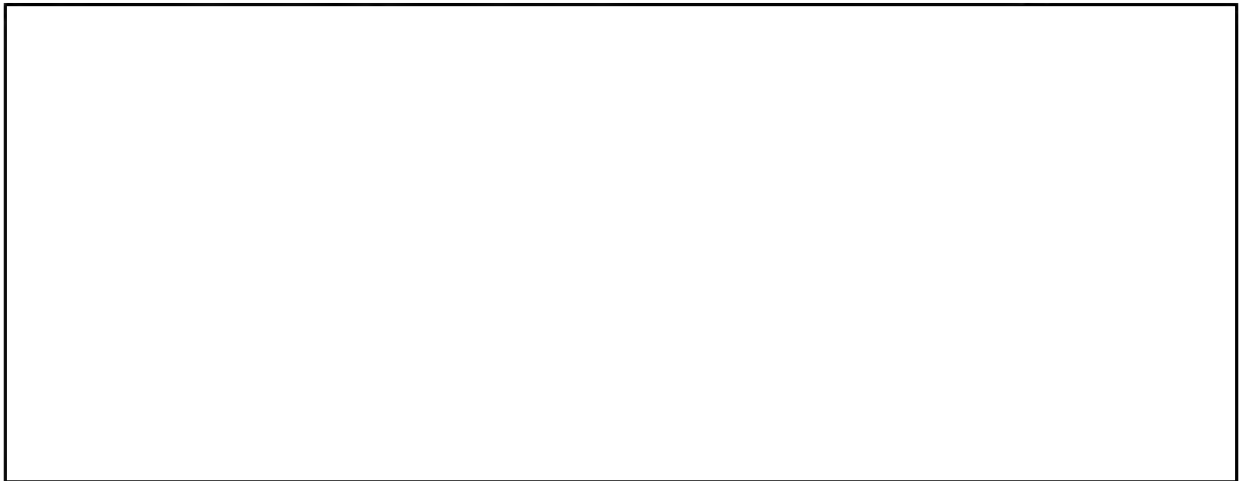
3. On 7 March, Mr. Richard Bauer, Army representative on the Exploitation Subcommittee, discussed means of improving Army cooperation with the CTS and indicated he would explore Navy and Air Force reaction to Army's desire to lower the CTS classification from SECRET to CONFIDENTIAL.

4. The new cover format for FDD reports (Summaries) was approved and will be used in production as soon as details are arranged with Printing Services Division, OL. The new cover design was prompted by an employee suggestion.

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6. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of State

With Psychological Intelligence Research Staff, Mr. David G. Wilson, Jr., and with External Research Staff, Mr. Walter F. Cronin, to acquaint these staffs with [redacted] and to secure the cooperation in the project.

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With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe, Mr. Robert Livingston, to supply information needed for an NIS on Yugoslavia.

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. William C. Hamilton, to discuss program guidance on the scheduled FDD report on continental Southeast Asia.

With Division of Biographic Information, Mr. Robert Parkinson, to discuss program guidance on reporting of biographic information for Southeast Asian countries.

Department of the Air Force

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With Office of Director of Intelligence, Major Howard S. Neumann, to discuss Air Force interest in the [redacted] documents screening program. Major Neumann indicated that Air Force has no further interest in these documents.

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U.S. Information Agency

With Soviet Orbit Staff/Office of Policy and Programs, Mr. Morris Watnick, to discuss writings of the Hungarian Communist theoretician Georg Lukacs in connection with a current Western World Branch project.

7. Special services rendered:

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Office of Communications -- A reverse translation, English to [redacted] 16-page document, "Description and Operating Instructions, RS-6."

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Office of Central Reference -- For Graphics Register, monitored Japanese and Polish films and supplied a translation of the sound tracks of several Russian films.

Office of Training -- For Language and Area School, [redacted] assisted for one week in intensive training in oral French, Also, two written exams in Korean were graded and one applicant was tested in spoken Korean. *and how!*

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8. Outstanding reports:

FDD Summary No. 1223 -- Report on USSR Ministries (6): The Ministry of State Control USSR and Its Predecessors, 1917-1956 (collation showing history, function, organization, current status, and possible course of development of this ministry)

FDD Summary No. 1224 -- Key Documents on the Ministry of State Control USSR and Its Predecessors, 1917-1956 (translations and summaries of key Soviet laws, decrees, and resolutions of this ministry; companion piece to Summary No. 1223)

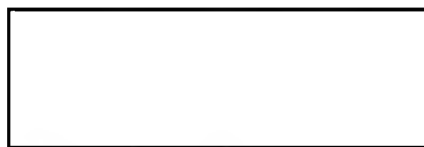
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*FDD Summary No. 1259 -- Two Soviet Portraits of Gandhi: 1952 and 1956 (contrasts orthodox Stalinist view with revised post-Stalinist interpretation of Gandhi and his career)

FDD Summary No. 1245 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (140) (function of national budget including explanation of comprehensive receipts and disbursement plan, pp 11-19; full text of progress report on construction industry with hard figures, pp 21-30)



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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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